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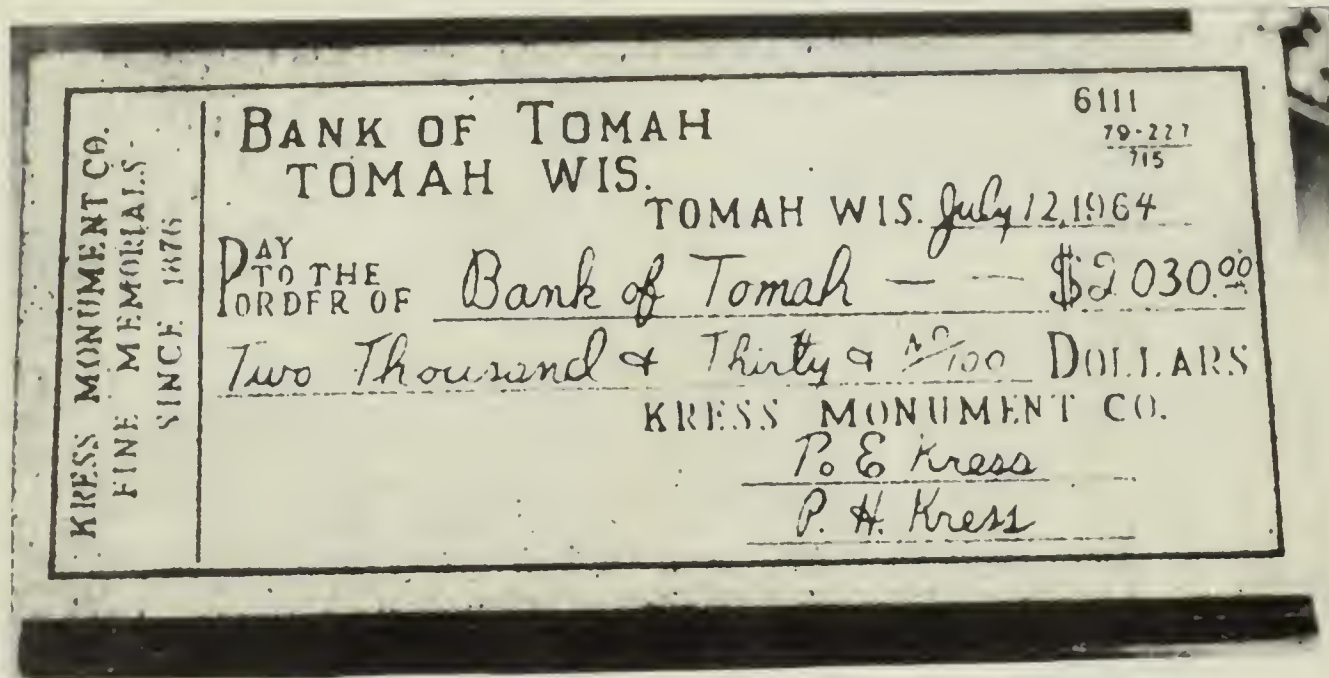
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HARD CASH

The check canceling machine at the Bank of Tomah is a versatile instrument, but it couldn't process the \$2,030 check received from P. E. and P. H. Kress in

payment of a note. The check, made out on a half-inch of granite, is 18 x 8" & was made at the Kress Monument Works. (Picture courtesy of Numismatic News)

LETTERS TO BUILD NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

I have received the following letter from Mr. R. S. Yeoman who, among other things, edits the "Red Book."

One of the most enthusiastic meetings I attended at the ANA Convention in August was the HOME AND HEADQUARTERS FUND DRIVE meeting. I was asked to serve on the committee and I agreed to be responsible for contributions raised in the state of Wisconsin.

I am sure that the members of your organization are familiar with the importance of establishing a national headquarters for the largest & oldest hobby association in the world. Our international group needs strengthening through centralization, housing of its valuable numismatic properties, its library and records. Any contribution made by

members of your organization would be an investment which would be returned many fold in future benefits to all members.

The question has been asked as to the proper donation for a coin club to make. The rule thus far seems to be \$1.00 per member. At our Racine Numismatic Society meeting last month, \$200 was voted on as this basis.

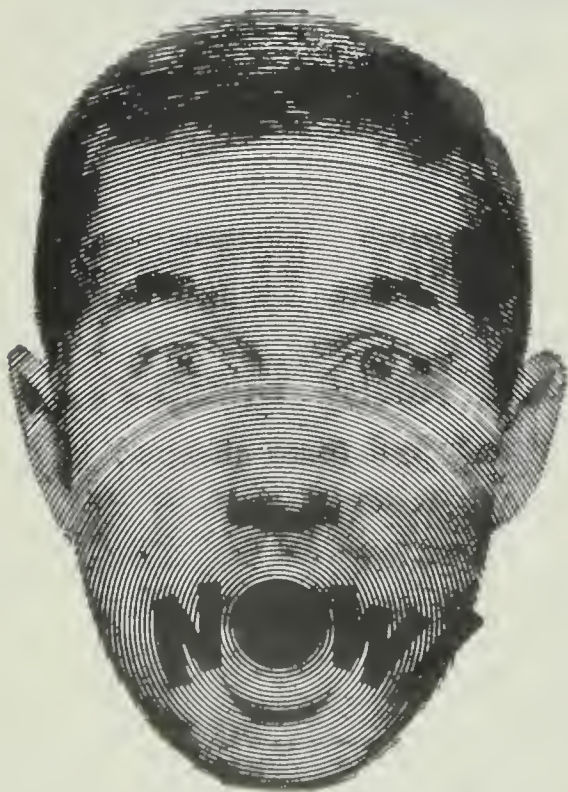
I hope Wisconsin coin clubs and their members will participate and if your treasury is not strong enough to support the above formula, please be sure that any amount, however small, will serve a useful purpose. Contributors will receive proper recognition.

THE NUMISMATIST has covered the aims and proposals to date on this vast project. The first \$50,000 is a certainty at this writing. We need more individuals and

societies to invest in the future of the A.N.A. The earlier your contribution is made, the more effective it will be. I am sure you feel as I do, that Wisconsin will be up among the early and generous donors in this important campaign."

Mr. Yeoman went on to say that societies are non-profit organizations and no tax liability exists but donations by individuals to this fund are tax deductible. Coin donations are tax deductible at their present fair market value regardless of their original cost. Checks should be made payable to the AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION and sent to Whitman Publishing Company, 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, Wis., % R. S. Yeoman. Contributions can be made in one of three ways: (1) Cash, (2) Items from your collection, or (3) Donate spare time (write for information).

PAY YOUR DUES.....



N.O.W. dues still haven't been received from some members. Dues are \$1.00 and should be paid either to the Sec/Treas. or any other officer or governor of N.O.W. (see last page).

ONE PER CUSTOMER

The Mishawaka Wisconsin Savings and Loan Association recently "broke out" two bags of silver dollars in celebration of its 75th anniversary. The 2,000 cart-wheels, more popular than paper money in Mishawaka in the "gay nineties," were to be distributed one-to-a-customer in change, for as long as they lasted.

RACINE SOCIETY GIVES MONEY TO ANA FUND

The Racine Numismatic Society recently passed a resolution to make a \$200 donation to the building fund for a permanent home for American Numismatic Assoc.

R.S. Yeoman, vice president and general manager of the Whitman Publishing Co. Coin Supply Division, spoke at the meeting on the need of such a home. Yeoman is a member of the A.N.A. building committee.

Another Whitman employee, Ken Bresset, who serves as the firm's numismatic editor, addressed the group using the theme "Rare Coins."

Bresset, a member of the Racine Society, outlined his personal collection and explained how he began in the hobby by studying the history of the 1823 quarter. His first purchase, he said, was at an auction when he paid \$300 for a coin.

In addition to the building fund, Yeoman spoke about his recent "side trips" to the International Nickel Co. and the Royal Canadian Mint, while attending the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Yeoman exhibited material he obtained at the Canadian Convention, and at the American Numismatic Association Convention in Cleveland prior to the Canadian event.

Other exhibits were presented at the meeting by Ron Carls, Bill Mross, Frank Krepfl and Roy Miller.

The society meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Catholic Center.

IN GOD WE TRUST

The idea of such a motto appearing on our coins was given birth on Nov. 13, 1861, in a letter written to then Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase, by the Rev. Mark R. Watkinson, minister at the Prospect Hill Baptist Church in Ridleyville, Pennsylvania.

His suggestion was "God - Liberty - Law," which in a final selection by Chase became "In God We Trust." A coinage act passed on April 22, 1864, authorizing the issuance of the short-lived two-cent piece gave birth to the motto on coins. Today it appears on all coins currently being produced.



N.O.W. GOVERNORS TO MEET???

As yet this is not an official announcement, but it's hoped that an N.O.W. Board of Governors meeting will take place sometime during the Milwaukee show on October 25th.

THE FAR END OF THE NEWS

Each week N.O.W. grows and as membership mounts the mailing and handling of "N.O.W. News" issues become a greater and greater chore. Each new member means the stamping of new addressograph plates, sending out the late issue of N.O.W. News", etc.

In the capacity of coordinator, Harry Becker of the Numismatic News has shouldered this load in addition to his busy schedule as circulation manager and IBM operator at the Numismatic News Building.

With "N.O.W. News" in only its second year it is a gratifying feeling to have a reliable friend such as Harry Becker handling this "far end" of N.O.W. News".

Thanks Harry.

DID YOU KNOW

Indians were the 1st to use paper money in the United States. Pontiac, the great Indian chief, issued bills of credit in hieroglyphics of his own, drawn upon bark with the figure of an otter beneath.

The Felix Schlag design for the Jefferson nickle was selected from a selection of 390 plaster models submitted.

Experimental Pieces -- Coins struck from regular coinage dies, in other than the normal metal.

During the last six months of fiscal 1937 about \$5½ billion in gold was transferred to Fort Knox.

FLORIDANS USE PEWTER

Early Florida residents used a pewter coin as a medium of exchange. It had a value of about 1/24 of a real.

HALF DOLLAR SCARCE

The 1953 is the scarcest Franklin half dollar with a mintage of less than three million, followed closely by the 1955, also with less than three million.

EVERYONE READS N.O.W. NEWS



THINK I'LL FLY OVER TO ONE OF
THE FALL SHOWS.

CLUB PROFILES

The Wisconsin Valley Coin Club was the first coin club to be organized in central Wisconsin, being founded on November 1st, 1955, at the old Y.M.C.A. Building in Wausau.



The club was organized through the efforts of three Wausau area men, Edward Rahn, Conrad (Connie) Schepp, and Adolph Larson.

When the initial charter was set up five weeks later, the roster contained 21 members from throughout central Wisconsin.

On September 18, 1956, new meeting quarters in the Coca Cola Bottling Co. plant at Schofield were arranged for, and put into use. Meetings were held in Schofield until April 2, 1957, when the Marathon County Historical Society offered their meeting rooms in Wausau to the coin club.

Highlight of each year's activities is the summer picnic which is held in different sites throughout central Wisconsin, and an annual banquet held on the first Saturday in November each year in Wausau. Both events are family affairs and the banquet consistently draws over 120 people.

The spring of 1965 will bring the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club's first coin show, an event to be held in April at the new Woodson YMCA Building in Wausau.

Members belonging to the club attend from as far north as Rhinelander and from as far south as Wisconsin Rapids, making the name "Wisconsin Valley Coin Club" a reality.

OFFICERS: E. Rahn President
C. Schepp Vice President
B. Pope Secretary
D. Case Treasurer

Meetings held - first and third Tuesday of each month - Marathon County Historical Society Building, 403 McIndoe Street, Wausau.

OUR NEW SECRETARY-TREASURER OPENS SHOP

Frank and Jim Kroepfl recently opened a new coin shop in Racine. The shop is located at 2708 Wright Avenue and is open from 6 to 9 p.m. weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays. A large selection of coins and supplies are featured.

Frank Kroepfl, a deputy sheriff, and his son, Jim, a Racine County probation officer, have both been interested in coin collecting since 1947. Both are members of the Racine Numismatic Society, the Numismatists of Wisconsin, and the American Numismatic Association. Jim is at the present time, treasurer of the Racine club, president of the Racine Coin Investment Club, and served as bourse chairman for the coin show in Racine this year. Last, but certainly not least, Jim has accepted the job as N.O.W. secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

OTHER NEW COIN SHOPS

Greg and Mary McHenry, who have operated a coin shop from their home at Route #2, LA CROSSE, Wisconsin, recently opened the Gremar Coin Shop at 1701 George St. in La Crosse. The new shop is open from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and sometimes evenings. It stocks a general supply of American coins in all grades, and Harco supplies. Numismatic publications are also available.

Mrs. Walter Battersby is the owner of the Capri Coin Shop at 2117 22nd Avenue, KENOSHA. Opened early this summer, the shop stocks American coins, primarily, but can obtain others quickly with the aid of its teletype. There are also car airplane, and paint kits for other hobbyists.

MANITOWOC, Wisconsin is the home of the L and E Coin Shop at 30 North Eighth Street. The new shop is managed by Mrs. Leo Heim. The store specializes in U.S. coins and gold and handles numismatic publications.

WE SAW YOU AT THE WISCONSIN
VALLEY COIN CLUB PICNIC AUGUST 23.



The picnic was held at Iola, which was having their annual fall festival. In the parade was this vehicle entered by Krause Publications.



Bingo saw almost everyone winning prizes.



In the "penny" hunt, everyone was searching for specially marked coins which were redeemed for prizes.



Past N.O.W. president, Chester Krause, shows beautiful form as he took 2nd place in the shoe-kicking contest.



After the fun and games were over, everyone settled down to a fine picnic lunch prepared by the club.

ODDS 'N ENDS

in club news



SECOND SHOW SET BY BARABOO CLUB FOR OCTOBER 17 -- 18

LA CROSSE SHOW

By the grape vine we learned that Virgil Jackson of Beaver Dam, won first place in paper money and also Best in Show at LaCrosse--that makes 11 trophies for the Jacksons' fine exhibits this year. Ray Leitz, Packwaukee, won a 1st in Odd and Curious and Mrs. Manthe, Tomah, won 1st in tokens.

FOND DU LAC CLUB SPONSORS QUIZ CONTEST

Melvin Holmes won first place in a coin quiz conducted at a meeting of the Fond du Lac Coin Club, Mrs. Max Grainger took second place, with Don Blattner taking the junior division first prize. Also the club recently held its annual banquet at the Colony Club in Fond du Lac.

Special awards were won by Clifton Kruch and Philo Foote. In conjunction with the banquet a 150 lot auction was held.

The Baraboo Coin Club will hold its 2nd annual coin show Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18 at the Elks Club house on 5th and Broadway in downtown Baraboo.

The show will open at 10 a.m. both days, closing at 10:00 p.m. Saturday, and at 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission will be free and everyone will be welcome.

Features of the show will be exhibits with awards to be given in adult and junior divisions, a bourse of thirteen U.S. and Canadian dealers, hourly door prizes including a grand prize of a BU \$20 St. Gaudens Gold Commemorative piece by Ray Lietz.

The general chairman of the show is Clarence Rudolph of 404 Second Avenue in Baraboo. The bourse chairman is Mrs. Mike Ruhland of 518 West Main, Reedsburg and the exhibits chairman is James Hill, Jr., of Baraboo.

Refreshments will be available.

FORM NEW CLUB IN SPARTA

A new coin club was organized in Sparta. The club has about forty charter members and meets the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month.

Officers elected at the first meeting are Glen Smith, president and David Horman, treasurer. A secretary and other officers are to be elected later.

Anyone interested in the club may contact the president at 623 Walrath Street Sparta.

CLUB TIDBITS

Officers serving the Sheboygan Coin Club for 1964 are Jerome Witthuhn, president; Chip Strode-Jackson, vice-president; Mr. Lewis Stephenson, secretary; Ralph Schutt treasurer; and Edward Chopich, Vern Witt and Harold Schumacker, directors.

The club has 85 members and meets every other Tuesday evening at the Citizens Bank of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The Fond du Lac Coin Club recently installed its officers for the coming year with Albert Andorfer as president. Judy Parris is vice-president; Betty Benzie, secretary, Alex Kaiser, treasurer; Harry Kowaleski, librarian, and Roger Eaton, board of directors.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt building in Fond du Lac.

1964 officers of the Lakeshore Coin Club at Manitowoc are: Kenneth Krofta, president; Gary Geimer, vice-president; Edwin C. Ewen, secretary and Harry Heagle, treasurer.

The Beaver Dam Coin Club held their picnic on the shores of beautiful Beaver Dam Lake August 16, The group furnished the drinks, meat and buns and each family brought a dish to pass. About 30 persons attended the event.

The Wausau Coin Club will hold its annual banquet on the first Saturday in November. This would be November 7th.

The Beaver Dam Coin Club has now incorporated. The biggest advantage is in the placing of liability in case of law suit. Previously, if someone should become injured or suffer a large loss of coins at a meeting, each member in turn might be held responsible until the damage was covered. An incorporated club is responsible only up to the amount in the treasury. Cost of incorporation to the Beaver Dam Club were \$20, Incorporation fees \$1.75, filing fees at the Court House, & a \$5 lawyer fee.

JANESVILLE SHOW BEGINS OCTOBER 31

The Beloit and Janesville Coin Clubs will hold their 5th annual coin show October 31-November 1 at the Parker Pen building in Arrow Park, Janesville.

Richard Sarow & John Hamilton are general chairmen of the show & Ruth Hamilton is the bourse chairman. Bourse table inquiries may be sent to her at 205 State Street, Beloit.

FOND DU LAC SETS ANNUAL SHOW DATE

The Fond du Lac Coin Club announces the annual coin jamboree will be held Sunday, November 8 at Karl Ray's Lane's Meeting Hall, Fond du Lac.

Competitive exhibits will be the main feature of the Jamboree which will begin at 11 a.m. Admission will be free.

Bourse tables are available & requests for information or reservations should be sent to Glen Williams at 504 E. 10th Street, Fond du Lac. Williams and Harry Jarvis are co-chairman of the show.

In addition to those mentioned above don't forget the many other fine shows, See the Calendar of Events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 25 --

Milwaukee Numismatic Society
30th anniversary at the Memorial
Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial
Drive, Milwaukee. Harry Collura
9276 N. Sleepy Hollow Lane,
Milwaukee, 53217.

October 31 - November 1 --

Beloit-Janesville Coin Clubs 5th
annual show. Arrow Park, Parker
Pen, Janesville. Ruth Hamilton,
205 State Street, Beloit.

November 8 --

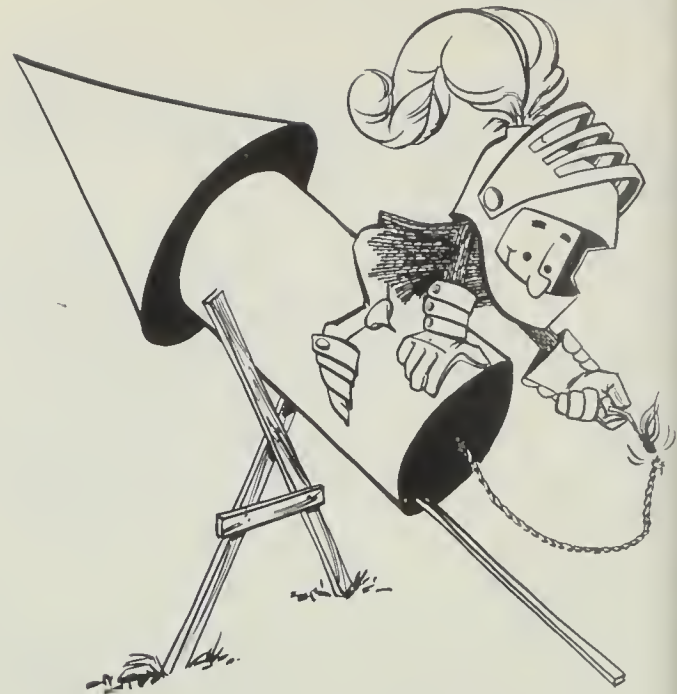
Fond du Lac Coin Club annual
Jamboree. Glen Williams, 504
East 10th Street, Fond du Lac.

November 15 --

Fox Valley Coin Club convention
Conway Hotel, Appleton. Alex
Strobel, 408½ W. College Ave.
Kimberly, Wis.

December 13 --

Boy Scout Troop 44 2nd Annual
Coin-Stamp Show. Holy Name Gym,
Kimberly, Wis. Tom Van Himberger,
436 N. Main St., Kimberly.



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